

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

37. (cancelled)

38. (currently amended) A method according to claim 37~~39~~, and forming the handle part to be thin so that the handle part does not obscure the text being read.

39. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 37, and~~ of reading using a reading aid including a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part attached to the handle part and extending transversely thereto, the handle part and the cursor part being attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading, comprising forming the joint to permit substantial universal movement of the handle part relative to the cursor part, positioning the cursor part by manipulating the handle part to indicate a part of a line of the text being read, moving the cursor part selectively along the line and down the text during reading to indicate successive words or groups of words, and manipulating the handle part relative to the cursor part so that the handle part is maintained out of the reader's line of sight while the cursor part is maintained generally flat against the text.

40. (currently amended) A method according to claim 37~~39~~ and configuring the joint to permit substantial universal movement of the handle part relative to the cursor part, but to restrict rotation of the handle part with respect to the cursor part, about a longitudinal axis of the handle part.

41. (previously presented) A method according to claim 40, and providing the joint with a restraining part which is pivotally connected to the cursor part, and which

cooperates with the handle part so as to restrict rotation of the handle part with respect to the cursor part, about a longitudinal axis of the handle part.

42. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 37, and~~ of reading using a reading aid including a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part attached to the handle part and extending transversely thereto, the handle part and the cursor part being attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading, comprising attaching the handle part approximately centrally along the length of the cursor part whereby the reader's eyes are encouraged to concentrate on the center of the text being read, positioning the cursor part by manipulating the handle part to indicate a part of a line of the text being read, moving the cursor part selectively along the line and down the text during reading to indicate successive words or groups of words, and manipulating the handle part relative to the cursor part so that the handle part is maintained out of the reader's line of sight while the cursor part is maintained generally flat against the text.

43. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~37~~42, wherein the text is on a computer screen, or is printed text.

44. (previously presented) A method according to claim 42, and applying the reading aid for reading a column in a newspaper or magazine, and forming the cursor part to be of a length substantially equal to the width of the column being read.

45. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~37~~42, and forming the cursor to have a length greater than two words of average length of the text being read.

46. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 37, and~~ of reading using a reading aid including a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part attached to the handle part and

extending transversely thereto, the handle part and the cursor part being attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading, comprising positioning the cursor part by manipulating the handle part to indicate a part of a line of the text being read, moving the cursor part selectively along the line and down the text during reading to indicate successive words or groups of words, and manipulating the handle part relative to the cursor part so that the handle part is maintained out of the reader's line of sight while the cursor part is maintained generally flat against the text, and further forming the reading aid to have separable handle and cursor parts, and selecting a cursor part from a set of cursor parts of different configuration and attaching the selected cursor part to the handle part.

47. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 37, and of~~ reading using a reading aid including a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part attached to the handle part and extending transversely thereto, the handle part and the cursor part being attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading, comprising positioning the cursor part by manipulating the handle part to indicate a part of a line of the text being read, moving the cursor part selectively along the line and down the text during reading to indicate successive words or groups of words, and manipulating the handle part relative to the cursor part so that the handle part is maintained out of the reader's line of sight while the cursor part is maintained generally flat against the text, and further including the steps of forming the cursor part of the reading aid to be opaque, and positioning the opaque cursor part during reading beneath or above the word or group of words to be indicated.

48. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~37~~39, forming a portion of the cursor part to be transparent, and positioning the transparent portion of the cursor part relative to the text such that at least a portion of the line of text to be indicated is visible to the reader through the transparent portion of the cursor part.

49. (currently amended) A method according to claim 3739, and forming the cursor part to include a frame through which text may be read.

50. (currently amended) A method according to claim 3739, and adjusting the length of the handle part to one of suit an individual reader and enable the length of the handle part to be extended from a retracted stowed position for use.

51. (currently amended) A method according to claim 3739, and unfolding the cursor part from a stowed position in which the cursor part and handle part are substantially parallel, to a position for use where the cursor part extends at substantially right angles relative to the handle part.

52. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 37, and~~ of reading using a reading aid including a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part attached to the handle part and extending transversely thereto, the handle part and the cursor part being attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading, comprising forming the cursor part to include a pair of relatively foldable wings which may be folded so as to extend generally parallel to the handle part, positioning the cursor part by manipulating the handle part to indicate a part of a line of the text being read, moving the cursor part selectively along the line and down the text during reading to indicate successive words or groups of words, and manipulating the handle part relative to the cursor part so that the handle part is maintained out of the reader's line of sight while the cursor part is maintained generally flat against the text.

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59. (currently amended) A reading aid ~~according to claim 54,~~ comprising a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part attached to the handle part and extending transversely thereto, the handle part and the cursor part being attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading, and wherein the joint is configured to permit substantially universal movement of the handle part relative to the cursor part but restricts rotation of the handle part with respect to the cursor part about a longitudinal axis of the handle part.

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68. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~67~~39, and further comprising changing at least one of the size, shape, and color of the cursor to suit different reader' abilities or the nature of the text being read.

69. (cancelled)